

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

OHIO SECURITY INSURANCE CO.,

Plaintiff,

v.

PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC., a
Washington corporation; PILCHUCK
CONTRACTORS, INC., a Washington
corporation,

Defendants.

NO. 2:18-cv-00987-MJP

STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER
CONTINUING EXPERT DISCLOSURE
DEADLINES

I. INTRODUCTION

The parties, through counsel, hereby stipulate and jointly propose an approximately a two-week extension of expert disclosure deadlines to facilitate a settlement discussion, as discussed below.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. Nature of the Case

This is a case arising out of the Greenwood gas explosion that occurred approximately three years ago. Plaintiff seeks to recoup monies it paid to its insured, and seeks to recover those monies from Defendants.

1 **B. Procedural History**

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3 The parties have not sought a continuance of any deadline before. They previously
4 mediated with the Honorable Bruce Hilyer (ret.) and are now attempting to schedule a settlement
5 conference in late March or early April 2019. The parties and their counsel believe that this
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7 settlement conference could result in the resolution of this action. The parties do not believe
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9 they need expert disclosures to meaningfully confer about settlement, and that the parties' efforts
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11 would be better spent on preparing for the settlement conference.
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14 **C. Current and Requested Expert Disclosure Deadlines**

15 Below are the current and requested deadlines for expert disclosures:

| | Current deadline | Requested deadline |
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| 18 Reports from expert witness under FRCP 19 26(a)(2) due | 20 March 25, 2019 | 21 April 8, 2019 |
| 22 Rebuttal expert disclosures under FRCP 26(a)(2) | 23 April 24, 2019 | 24 April 22, 2019 |

25 **III. ANALYSIS AND ARGUMENT**

26 Under LCR 16(b)(5)(ii), the Court may modify a case schedule for good cause shown.
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28 The parties believe that they meet the good cause standard for a modest continuance of the expert
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30 disclosure deadlines for the reasons set forth above.
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33 **IV. CONCLUSION**

34 For the foregoing reasons, the parties jointly request a continuance of the expert
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36 disclosure deadlines.
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1 DATED this 19th day of March, 2019.

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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Stipulated Motion and [Proposed] Order to Continue Expert Disclosure Deadlines is GRANTED. The current case schedule, including the discovery cutoff and trial date, shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

DATED this 19th day of March, 2019.



Marsha J. Pechman
United States District Judge